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BY JOHN NEAL.—WITH NOTES.

CHAPTER XI.

Security. Equality. Their opposition.

In consulting the great principle of Security, what should [illegible] done by the lawgiver, for the mass of property which [illegible]ists?

He ought to maintain the distribution as it is actually [illegible]ablished. It is that—which, under the name of justice, is [illegible]garded with reason as his first duty. It is a general and [illegible]ple rule which applies itself to all conditions, which [illegible]apts itself to all plans, even to those which are the most [illegible]ntradictory. Nothing can be more diversified than the [illegible]te of property in America, in England, in Hungary, in [illegible]ssia; generally, in the first of these countries the culti[illegible]tor is the proprietor, in the second he is the farmer, in [illegible] third he is attached to the glebe, in the fourth he is a [illegible]ve. Nevertheless, the supreme principle of security [illegible]scribes the preservation of all these distinctions, al[illegible]ough their nature is so different, and although they do [illegible]t all produce the same quantity of happiness. But how [illegible]uld another distinction be made without taking from [illegible]de one what he has? (1) Where are some to be spoiled [illegible]ithout alarming the rest for their security? When your [illegible]w partition is deranged, that is to say, on the morrow [illegible]fter it is made, how will you avoid making a second? Why not correct this in the same way? And mean while, [illegible]hat becomes of security; where happiness *is*, there is in[illegible]dustry?

When Security and Equality are opposed to each other, [illegible]we are not to hesitate a moment. It is *Equality* which [illegible]ought to give way. The first is the foundation of life, [illegible]bsistence, abundance, happiness, everything depends on it. Equality produces but a certain portion of well being; [illegible]sides, do what you may, it will be always imperfect: if it were able to endure one day, the revolutions of the mor[illegible]row would change it; the establishment of equality is but a chimera; all that can be done is to *lessen* inequality.(2)

If violent causes, such as a revolution of government, a [illegible]chism or a conquest, should work an overthrow of prop[illegible]erty, this would be a great calamity; but it would be a temporary one; it would be lessened and even repaired by time. Industry is a vigorous plant, which will outlive many amputations, and with returning warmth, the nourishing sap will return. But if property be overthrown with the direct intention of establishing an equality of fortune, the evil would be irreparable. No more security, no more industry, no more abundance; society would return to the savage state which it had left.

'*Devant eux des cites derriere eux des deserts.*

Such is the history of fanatics. In fact, if equality ought to prevail now, for the same reason it ought to prevail forever. It cannot be preserved, but by a repetition of the violences wherewith it was established.(3) An army of inquisitors and executioners would be wanted, deaf alike to favor and to pity, insensible to the seductions of pleasure, inaccessible to personal interest, endowed with all the virtues in a service which destroys them all. The machine ought to be always rolling, to smooth down whatever may lift itself above the allowed level. An uninterrupted vigilance would be required for dealing anew to those who have dissipated their portion; and for spoiling those who, by their labor, have augmented theirs. In such a state of things, there would be but one wise course for the governed—that of prodigality; there would be but one foolish course, that of industry. This pretended remedy, so agreeable in appearance, would be a mortal poison. It is the burning cautery which consumes everything in its way, even to the last principle of life. The second, in its greatest fury, were a thousand times less terrible—it causes to the state only two partial evils, which time effaces, and industry repairs.

Little societies have been known, in the first effervescence of religious enthusiasm, to institute a community of goods for a fundamental principle. Are we to believe that happiness is thereby secured? For a motive so agreeable as reward, they substitute the gloomy fear of punishment.—Work, so easy and so light, when animated by hope, has come to be represented as penance, necessary to escape eternal wrath. Nevertheless, while the religious motive retains its power, every body works—and every body trembles. But when it begins to wax feeble, society is divided into two classes; one of degraded fanatics who contract all the vices of unhappy superstition; the other of indolent knaves, who are nourished in their holy laziness by the dupes that surround them; and the word *equality* is only a pretext for hiding the robbery of Industry by Idleness.

The prospects of benevolence and of harmony which have seduced certain ardent minds, are then in this system nothing but chimeras of the imagination. In the division of labor, what would sound the determining motive for embracing the most disagreeable?(4) Who will undertake the repulsive and hateful office? Who would be content with his lot, and not find the burden of his neighbour lighter than his own? How many frauds to throw upon the shoulders of another the work that one desires to escape from himself! And in divisions, how impossible to satisfy everybody, to preserve the appearance of equality, to escape jealousies, quarrels, rivalries, and preferences? Who would terminate these innumerable and perpetually reviving disputes? What a system of penal laws would be necessary to supply the sweet liberty of choice, and the natural reward of the cares that everybody takes for himself! One half of society would not be sufficient to regulate the other. Thus that iniquitous and absurd system could not maintain itself but by political and religious slavery, such as that of the Helots in Lacedemonia, or of the Indians of Paraguay in the jesuitical establishments: sublime invention of legislators, who to bring about a scheme of equality make two equal lots of good and evil, and put all suffering in one side and all pleasure in the other!(5)

(1) An argument for all *abuses*. N.

(2) A friend, who got hold of the MS. not long ago adds a few pencil notes here, worth preserving. N.

True, but this may render a thorough subversion of the existing laws on the subject expedient. W.

(3) There is a lack of precision in the remarks upon property in this, and the preceding pages, which is probably the fault of Mr. Dumont. The writer acquiesces in all that is essential relative to Reform upon the subject of Right to Property, by admitting that *inequality* should be made less—while the general tenor of his reasoning would seem to imply, that any existing laws upon the subject, however absurd, should by no means be changed. There must be in this respect, a misinterpretation of Mr. Bentham's terms. *He never wrote so inconclusively.* W.

So I think.—N.

(4) Here is a grand flourish that is lost for want of some specific application. Such chance shots may answer—but they contain no arguments. W.

(5) Robert Owen of New Harmony, with a view of meeting this very objection, makes the people of his community *take turns* in his—ergo, none are so good as they might be, none so self-denying as to be trusted; none such as he has *calculated* upon for the very foundation of his system. N.

(6) Notably the friend above mentioned. Perhaps our national sins at this time, would amount to a community of goods. But is it a common resort of those who would cling to established abuses, to stigmatize every attempt at reform, as impracticable, or subversive of every object. To consider property, not by equitable laws or general legislation; to encourage industry, not by rewarding the stability of a few, but by holding out equal inducements to the enterprisers of all—would not favor the idle project of a community of goods. W.

In the year 1824, an American traveller in England, met a young woman, with whose remarkable story he became acquainted under circumstances quite as remarkable. Profoundly interested in her behalf, he wrote the following letter to her betrothed, a Bar gentleman, then about embarking for India. The letters themselves will explain his object. The story, with all its circumstances, will be related hereafter. Eleven years have gone by, since the transaction occurred, and now he is sufficiently master of himself to commit the narrative to paper.

THE STORY OF E. B.

G. R. to E. B.—(Enclosing the letter enclosed to.)

I have written a long letter, (to you perhaps,) and have enclosed it to a third person, to be delivered to you, in case that there may be a mistake in the direction. If there should be any, you will correct it; or get some one else to direct it, if you are afraid of having your hand detected—or, if you are afraid of your *promise* not to 'put pen to paper'—send it to me, *G. R. Counsellor at Law, London,*' and I will direct it anew. You will give me your address and his, when you write me. Keep a good heart. Trust in Him, who never afflicts a human creature, but for that creature's advantage, not only *hereafter*, but *here*. If Mr L. is worthy of you, you will yet be happy with him. If not—why it is better that you never should hear from him.

Farewell—Heaven bless you. I shall depend upon hearing from you.

Your friend and well wisher. G. R.

Birmingham, 18 Jan. 1824.

P. S. I write this, at the Inn—surrounded by people talking all the while. Yet, I know that you would count the minutes till you received the letter.

To the Rev Mr —— L.

Birmingham, 18 Jan, 1824.

You will forgive a stranger, sir, I trust, on account of the *subject*, which, if he be not exceedingly mistaken, must be one of some interest to you, for addressing you, in this way, without the formality of an introduction. You are about to embark for India. That stranger has—or, to speak in the first person—I have lately met with a singularly interesting, and I should be inclined to believe, from a short acquaintance, a singularly excellent young female, on whose account I have one very simple question to ask you. Your father has obtained a promise from her, not to 'put pen to paper'—I use her own words. You are going abroad. You may never—is is quite possible—meet again. *She* cannot write to you—I and you, undoubtedly from the best of motives, have not written to her, so that, to this moment, she remains absolutely ignorant of your intentions, except so far as they may be inferred from your silence.—*Her* happiness—and health too, I believe, depend upon *your* happiness. Whatever will best promote *that*, she will most cordially, or at least resignedly accede to. She is now in a state of suspense. I, perhaps, have contributed, in some measure, to her disquietude, by telling her that if you had resolved to abandon the thought of being happy with her—common humanity would have induced you to say so, in the most unequivocal manner: and common justice, apart from the recollections of what has been, would induce you to give her the *best evidence* of such a determination. One of two things, I have said, to her, more than once—to-day (speaking of you, sir) is what I delight in believing him to be, an honest and good man—either, said I, he has *not* abandoned the hope of a future reconciliation and union: or, he *has* informed you of it; and the information, however it has been conveyed, has never reached you but in a unquestionable shape. Do not believe, sir, that I have any object, beyond that of promoting the happiness of two fellow-creatures, in thus addressing you. I have no interest—no motive, but that of common humanity. At present, however, I cannot fully explain the nature and extent of my acquaintance with the young lady in question; but I shall subjoin my address; and if you should see fit to require an explanation hereafter, you shall have it.

The question I would put to you, plainly and directly in this. Are you, or are you not absolutely determined to abandon the thought of a future marriage with this young lady?

I put it to you thus unceremoniously; because I believe, from what I learn of you, that whatever may be your determination, it will be come to, with a heart set upon doing right. It is more important—much more important, perhaps, to her peace of mind, that she should have some positive answer, than that it should be either one way or the other. *Your* happiness, I am fully persuaded, is her only aim. Whatever may be your determination, therefore, she will acquiesce in it, you may depend upon it, in perfect silence; and, in the worst alternative, with submissiveness and resignation, persuading herself that you are the best judge of what will best promote your own happiness. In her situation of mind—some absolute determination—one way or the other—would seem to be *indispensable*. There is no cruelty like suspense: and no malady so deadly as that kind of suspense, under which that girl is now laboring. I have experienced it—I too, have been ready and willing to lay down my life for the promotion of another's happiness; and ready too, to acquiesce in *any* decision, of which I was fully apprised: and yet, I was ready to die of a broken heart, only because I was kept, like her, in continual doubt.

There is yet another motive entitled to some consideration. It were an act of downright injustice, to withhold the conclusive evidence of our determination from a woman, whose affections we have gained—and whom we *must*, no matter for what reason, abandon. It is a part of our Father's providence, to wean the sorrow of a mother over her dead offspring, and that of a loving heart over its bereavement—only when *there is no longer any hope*. By feeding either with hope, we protract the misery of both; and render the final disappointment a thousand-fold more crushing and deadly. *You*, for example, at this moment, may feel *yourself* free, entirely free: but how is that to be known to *her*? Perhaps you wish to set her free? Then tell her so. She cannot—nay does not know; and never will *believe* that you do not hold her to her allegiance, even to her last breath, unless you furnish her with the *best evidence*.——Think of what I say, I entreat you. Address a note to her.—I do not wish to see it, nor to penetrate one step further into the history of your attachment—one step further, I should say, than would be to the advantage of both. Write her a single line—either assuring her of your unalterable determination to obey your father and abandon her; or the contrary. In the first place—you will have all her thanks, and all her prayers for your kindness; and never have reason to reproach her for want of fortitude. She will always *remember* you—and, while it is lawful, *love* you. In the latter case—should your determination be, as I could wish,—she must answer for herself; but from what I know of her, I should say that she would be an example of patient and affectionate hope, till you meet again, trusting that the constancy and submission of both will yet be rewarded. I pray you once more to write her a line—a single line—to the effect I have mentioned; I pray you, as a man—as a clergyman, whose business it is to bind up the broken-hearted; and to pour oil and wine into the distressed bosom—I pray you, not to be withheld by any hasty, previous determination of promise; nor by any apprehension of disquieting her anew. No—speak plainly—and, though she die of a broken heart—you will have nothing to reproach yourself with; and she will have reason to bless you, and will bless you—even before the judgment-seat of her Father and your Father.

Our actions for the [illegible] are recorded [illegible] the Recording Blacksmith; 'so let it [illegible]

After this, at present, and will be for the present, [illegible] probably, in London; but in other part of London to [illegible] communicate. After that, I shall be at the Counsellor. I [illegible] part of this country; and I shall say address as 'Counsellor at Law,' but the letter may miscarry. I am not a [illegible] adviser in any of the British dominions; nor do I [illegible] him. I mention this, lest any misapprehension which [illegible] your mind with respect to my good faith, or [illegible] advisers which, I have only my simple word to give; [illegible] claim to establish you that the letter which you may [illegible] must be to Miss E. B——, and not to Miss and that you may suppose it in any way, so that you [illegible] entirely at rest. In fact, I would advise you not to [illegible] any responsibility, whatever may be your hope or [illegible] merely to signify your determination: for, if you do [illegible] reply—or, if you do not say that you [illegible] will not be in human nature for her to remember you [illegible] most and still continue to hope.

I write this, at an Inn—surrounded by company [illegible] have only to repeat that I am ready to answer [illegible] claim to my assistance, or, rather, I should say, [illegible] see, at least, while I am in England. Once more praying your indulgence for my intrusion and abruptness.

I am, Sir, yours, &c. G. R.

Counsellor at Law, London.

Six weeks afterwards, on the 24 of March, 1824—the following, directed as below, was received by G. R. enclosing both of the others.

The inclosed Letter not having been delivered for the reason assigned thereon, was opened here by the Officer, appointed by His Majesty's Postmaster-General for that purpose, and is now returned to you, as the writer, on Payment of the Postage. I am, &c. ——, Sec.

To G. R. Esq. Counsellor at Law, London.

MISCELLANY.

From the Knickerbocker.

THE WRECK.

By I. McLellan, jr.

'We one day descried some shapeless object drifting at a distance. It proved to be the mast of a ship that must have been completely wrecked; for there were the remains of handkerchiefs, by which some of the crew had fastened themselves to the spar, to prevent their being washed off by the waves. The wreck had evidently been drifting about for many months; clusters of shell-fish had fastened about it, and long sea weeds flaunted at its sides. But where thought I, is the crew? Their struggle has long been over,—they have gone down amid the roar of the tempest,—their bones lie whitening among the caverns of the deep. All that shall ever be known of that ship is, that she sailed from port, and was never heard of more.'

Washington Irving.

The melancholy winter day
Across the darkening ocean spray
Its parting glimmer cast;
And by that dim and dreary ray,
Amidst the hollows of the waves
That yawned around our path like graves,
I saw a blackened mast!
The green sea-weed around it hung,
The rough sea-shell against it clung;
And at its tapering end
A soiled and tattered flag was hung!
And the sad relics of the dress
Of those who in their deep distress
Found there a helping friend!

As the wild sea around me heaved,
As the wild breeze around me grieved,
My heart with sadness filled:
I wept to think of all the sighs
That once above that wreck did rise,
The groans, the loud heart rending cries
That would a fiend have thrilled!
[illegible]
The prayer in vain for one poor crust,
That one poor drop of rain might burst
From heaven's exhaustless store:
I thought of the fierce eye of death
The rattling throat, the gasping breath,
The corse when all was o'er!
The agony, the pain of heart
Of him, the latest to depart,
Alone upon the sea,—
Still tossed upon his rolling bier,
And praying that his God would hear,
And set his spirit free!

Ah, fatal ship! How fair the gale
Did murmur in thy spreading sail,
When thou didst part from home!
How bright did shine the morning ray
Upon my stately decks that day,
When thousands lined the green-shored bay
To see thee cleave the foam,
Fair hands, perchance, did wave farewell
Fond hearts for parting friends did swell,
That little dreamed the parting bell
Would never o'er them sound,
Nor prayer be said above their bones,
Nor o'er them placed the church-yard stones,
In consecrated ground;
But the dark tempests of the deep
For ages o'er their manes would sweep.'

[From 'The Yemassee.']

'He does not come—he does not come,' she murmured, as she stood contemplating the thick copse spreading before her, and forming the barrier which terminated the beautiful range of oaks which constituted the grove. How beautiful were the green and garniture of that little copse of wood. The leaves were thick, and the grass around lay folded over and over in bunches, with here and there a wild flower gleaming from its green, and making of it a beautiful carpet of the richest and most various texture. A small tree rose from the centre of a clump, around which a wild grape gadded luxuriantly; and with an incoherent sense of what she saw, she lingered before the little cluster, seeming to survey that which she had no thought for at the moment. Things grew indistinct to her wandering eye—the thought was turned inward—and the musing spirit denying the governing sense to the external agents and conductors, they failed duly to appreciate the forms that rose, and glided before them. In this way the leaf detached made no impression upon the sight that was yet bent upon it; she saw not the bird, though it whirled, untroubled by a fear, in wanton circles around her head—and the black-snake, with the rapidity of an arrow, darted over her path without arousing a single terror in the form that otherwise would have shivered but at its appearance. And yet, though thus indistinct were all things around her to the musing mind of the maiden, her eyes were singularly impressed with one object, peering out at intervals from the little bush beneath it. She saw, or thought she saw, at moments, through the bright green of the leaves, a star-like glance, a small bright ray, subtile, sharp, beautiful—an eye of the leaf itself, darting the most searching looks into her own. Now the leaves shook and the vines waved elastically and in beautiful forms before her, but the star-like eye was there, bright and gorgeous, and still glancing up to her own. How beautiful—how strange did it appear to the maiden. She watched him still with a dreaming sense, but with a spirit strangely attached by its beauty—with a feeling in which awe and admiration were equally commingled. She could have bent forward to pluck the gem-like thing from the bosom of the leaf in which it seemed to grow, and from which it gleamed so brilliantly; but once, as she approached, she heard a shrill scream from the tree above her—such a scream as the mock-bird makes, when angrily, it raises its dusky crest, and flaps its wings furiously against its slender sides. Such a scream seemed like a warning, and though yet unawakened to full consciousness, it repelled her approach. More than once in her survey of this strange object, had she heard that shrill note, and still had it carried to her ear the same note of warning, and to her mind the same vague consciousness of an evil presence. But the star-like eye was yet upon her own—a small, bright eye, quick like that of a bird, now steady in its place and observant seemingly only of hers, now darting forward with all the clustering leaves about it, and shooting up towards her as if wooing her to arise. At another moment rivetted to the vine which lay around it, it would whirl round and round, dazzingly bright and beautiful, even as a torch, waved hurriedly by night in the hands of some playful boy; but, in all this time, the glance was never taken from her own—there it grew, fixed—a very principle of light—and such a light—a subtile, burning, piercing, fascinating light, such as gathers in vapour above the old grave, and binds us as we look—shooting, darting directly into her own, dazzling her gaze, defeating its sense of discrimination, and confusing strangely that of perception. She felt dizzy, for, as she looked, a cloud of colors, bright, gay, various colors, dazzled and hung like as much drapery around the single object that had so arrested her attention and spell-bound her feet. Her limbs felt unusually nerveless and more insensive—her blood grew cold, and she seemed to feel the gradual freeze of vein by vein, throughout her person. At that moment a rustling was heard in the grass. At that moment, a rustling was heard in the [illegible]

[illegible] 'Forest the fire!' cried a third. There was a general scream of dismay and confusion that baffled all description. The women were scrambling about the adjacent fields in pursuit of their horses. One might be seen tugging his steed along by a halter, another without a hat riding bareback; another driving a bridled horse before him, that might easily have been taken for a hobgoblin.

The alarm increased. Word was brought from the lower end of the camp that there was a band of Pawnees in the neighboring valley. They had shot old Ryan through the head, and were chasing his companion! 'No, I not old Ryan that was killed—it was one of the rangers that had been after the two buffaloes.'

'There are three hundred Pawnees just behind the hill,' cried one voice. 'Five, more!' cried another.

Our situation, that in among the hills, prevented our seeing to any distance, and left us a prey to all these rumors. A cruel enemy was supposed to be at hand, and an immediate attack apprehended.—The horses by this time were driven into the camp, and were dashing about among the fires, and trampling upon the baggage. Every one endeavored to prepare for action; but here was the perplexity.—During the late alarm of fire, the saddles, bridles, rifles, powder horns, and other equipments, had been scattered out of their places, and thrown helter shelter among the trees.

'Where is my saddle?' cried one. 'Has any one seen my rifle?' cried another. 'Who will lend me a ball?' cried a third, who was loading his piece. 'I have lost my bullet pouch.' For God's sake help me to girth this horse!' cried another; 'he's so restive I can do nothing with him.' In his hurry and worry, he had put on the saddle kind part before!

Some affected to swagger and talk bold; others said nothing, but went on steadily, preparing their horses and weapons, and on these I felt the most reliance. Some were evidently excited and elated with the idea of an encounter with Indians, and none more so than my young Swiss fellow traveller, who had a passion for wild adventure. Our man, Beatte, led his horses in the rear of the camp, placed his rifle against a tree, then seated himself by the fire in perfect silence. On the other hand, little Tonish, who was busy cooking, stopped every moment from his work to play the fanfaron, singing, swearing, and affecting an unusual hilarity, which made me strongly suspect that there was some little fright at the bottom, to cause all this effervescence.

About a dozen of the rangers, as soon as they could saddle their horses, dashed off in the direction in which the Pawnees were said to have attacked the hunters.—It was now determined in case our camp should be assailed, to put our horses in the ravine in rear, where they would be out of danger from arrow or rifle ball, and take our stand within the edge of the ravine. This would serve as a trench, and the trees and thickets with which it was bordered, would be sufficient to turn aside any shaft of the enemy. The Pawnees, besides, are wary of attacking any covert of the kind; their warfare, as I have already observed, lies in the open prairie, where, mounted upon their fleet horses, they can swoop like hawks upon their enemy, or wheel about him and discharge their arrows. Still I could not but perceive, that in case of being attacked by such a number of these well mounted and warlike savages as were said to be at hand, we should be exposed to considerable risk from the inexperience and want of discipline of our newly raised rangers, and from the very courage of many of the younger ones who seemed bent on adventure and exploit.

By this time the Captain reached the camp, and every one crowded round him for information. He informed us, that he had proceeded some distance on his reconnoitering expedition, and was slowly returning towards the camp, along the brow of a naked hill, when he saw something on the edge of a parallel hill, that looked like a man. He paused, and watched it; but it remained so perfectly motionless, that he supposed it a bush, or the top of some tree beyond the hill. He resumed his course, when it likewise began to move in a parallel direction. Another form now rose beside it, of some one who had either been lying down, or had just ascended the other side of the hill. The Captain stopped and regarded them; they likewise stopped. He then lay down upon the grass, and they began to watch. On his rising, they again stopped, as if watching him. Knowing that the Indians are apt to have their spies and sentinels thus posted on the summit of naked hills, commanding extensive prospects, his doubts were increased by the suspicious movements of these men. He now put his forage cap on the end of his rifle, and waved it in the air. They took no notice of the signal. He then walked on until he entered the edge of a wood, which concealed him from their view. Stopping out of sight for a moment, he again looked forth, when he saw the two men passing swiftly forward. As the hill on which they were walking made a curve toward that on which he stood, it seemed as if they were endeavoring to head him before he could reach the camp. Doubting whether they might not belong to some large party of Indians in ambush or moving along the valley beyond the hill, the captain hastened his step homeward and descrying some rangers on an eminence between him and the camp, he called out to them to pass the word to have the horses driven in, as these are generally the first object of Indian depredation.

Such was the origin of the alarm which had thrown the camp in commotion. Some of those who heard the captain's narration, had no doubt that the men on the hill were Pawnees scouts belonging to the band that had waylaid the hunters. Distant shots were heard at intervals, which were supposed to be fired by those who had sallied out to rescue their comrades. Several more rangers, having completed their equipments now rode forth in the direction of the firing; others looked anxious and uneasy.

'If they are as numerous as they are said to be,' said one, 'and as well mounted as they generally are, we shall be a bad match for them with our jaded horses.'

'Well,' replied the captain, 'we have a strong encampment, and can stand a seige.'

'Ay, but they may set fire to the prairie in the night, and burn us out of our encampment.'

'We will then set up a counter fire!'

The word was now passed that a man on horseback approached the camp.

'It is one of the hunters! It is Clement!' 'He brings buffalo meat!' was announced by several voices as the horsemen drew near.

It was, in fact, one of the rangers who had set off in the morning in pursuit of the two buffaloes. He rode into the camp, with the spoils of the chase hanging round his horse, and followed by his companions, all sound and unharmed, and equally well laden. They proceeded to give an account of a grand gallop they had after the two buffaloes, and how many shots it had cost them to bring one to the ground.

'Well, but the Pawnees—the Pawnees—where are the Pawnees?'

'What Pawnees?'

'The Pawnees that attacked you.'

'No one attacked us.'

'But have you seen no Indians on your way?'

'Oh yes, two of us got to the top of a hill to look out for the camp, and saw a fellow on an opposite hill cutting queer antics, who seemed to be an Indian.'

'Pshaw! that was I!' said the Captain.

Here the bubble burst. The whole alarm had risen from this mutual mistake of the Captain and his two rangers. As to the report of the three hundred Pawnees and their attack on the hunters, it proved to be a wanton fabrication; of which no further notice was taken: though the author deserved to have been sought out, and severely punished.

There being no longer any prospect of fighting, every one now thought of eating; and here the stomachs throughout the camp were in unison. Tonish served up to us his promised regale of buffalo soup and buffalo beef. The soup was peppered most horribly, and the roast beef proved the bull to have been one of the patriarchs of the prairies, never did I have to deal with a tougher morsel. However, it was our first repast on buffalo meat, so we ate it with a lively faith nor would our little Frenchman allow us any rest until he had extorted from us an acknowledgment of the excellence of his cookery; though the pepper gave us the lie in our throats.

The night closed in without the return of old Ryan and his companion. We had become accustomed, however, to the aberrations, of this old cask of the woods, and no further solicitude was expressed on his account.

After the fatigues and agitations of the day, the camp soon sunk into a profound sleep, excepting those on guard, who were more than usually on the alert; for the trucks recently seen of Pawnees, and the certainty that we were in the midst of their hunting grounds, excited to constant vigilance. About half past ten o'clock we were all startled from sleep by a new alarm. A sentinel had fired off his rifle and ran into the camp crying that there were Indians at hand.

'Where are they?' cried many voices. 'Yonder in the woods!' cried the sentinel. 'How many are there?' 'I saw but one!' 'Where is old Ryan?' 'Ryan is killed!' 'Ryan is not killed!' 'Ryan is not killed!' 'Ryan is not killed!' 'Ryan is killed!' 'Ryan is killed!' 'Ryan is

NEW ENGLAND GALAXY.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1828.

PRIZE ARTICLES.

We would call attention to the premiums for original articles, offered by the publishers of this paper, viz. $250 for the best original tale, $75 for the best poem, and $125 for best article upon a humorous subject, or humorous article upon a proper subject, which shall be offered in competition on or before the last day of April. The postage must be paid, and the real name of the writer enclosed in a sealed envelope. The name accompanying the names of the successful writers only, will be opened, and all the manuscripts will be at the disposal of the Editors of the Galaxy. The whole will be referred for inspection to a committee of disinterested gentlemen, and the award will be made during the month of May. If there are more than two competitors for either prize, it will be awarded, if two only, the manuscripts will be at the disposal of the writers.

☞ Papers with which we exchange will do us a favor by copying the above.

HEADS AND POINTS—No III.

Robin's alive as alive like to be,
If he dies in your hand, you shall saddle-backed he.

Who the plague's that old fellow there—do you know him? That man there by the desk, with a broad-brimmed hat on?

Yes—confound his stories and his hat! He's eternally meddlin' and makin' with what's none of his business—

Maybe he's a writer in the New England Galaxy—

I shouldn't wonder if it was the Senior Editor himself; or one of his spies—but he'd better look out, or he'll ketch it by'm by—an' if he dosse, he'll think a hoss kicked him. There he goes agin—hark!

Ahah—ugh!—ahah—said the queer looking codger they referred to—a middle-aged, round shouldered man, with a hat flapped over his eyes—Maybe you never heard tell o' the Spec our Jerry made?—And without waiting for an answer, on he went, in a loud, husky and peculiar voice, which attracted everybody's attention—and drew a crowd of listeners about him, as he sat looking into the fire, and holding forth as if talking to himself. Why, Jerry, yesse—he'd got a dog't he wouldn't take nothin for, and bein pretty much of a town charge, his wife wanted him to sell out.—So one day he went to Portsmouth, where he want much acquainted, an' tried to get rid of his dog—well, when he come home, the dog follered him, and what he'd sold him for, he'd got in his pocket—only there was a bit o' rope round the dog's neck, apparantly gnawed off!

A general laugh, and a closer crowding together about the flapped-hat.

And if I was a gwyin to guess, continued he—our Jerry got a pretty good livin for most a twelvemonth out of old Watch—his name was Watch—but it's always ben my private opinion, that most o'the buyers 'll come out o' the leetle end o' the horn—hey?

With a snap, as if somebody had trod on his toe

Bow—wow—wow! growled one of the bystanders, withdrawing toward another part of the room, and grinding his teeth together, under pretence of a smothered laugh.

Why!—continued the speaker, without lifting his head, or even following the other with his eyes—that sounded a leetle like Watch's voice!

A general bourra followed this remark, and all eyes were upon the other, who could hardly swallow the bitterness that seemed rising in his throat.

I say Joe!—what does he mean, hey?

Ask him.

I'll be hanged if I do—but he means somethin, you may depend; I say! do you know sir?—turning toward an old quaker, who sat with his boots off, nodding over a newspaper and toasting his feet by the fire. On hearing the question, he smiled, cast a significant eye at the flapped-hat, and answered—Why? Has thee any particular reason for askin'?

No sir—

Then—that is to say if thee's neither buyin' nor sellin'—with a sharp searching eye, and a questioning inflection of the voice, I'm rather inclined to think, he means to say that some o'the bonds that are now sellin, will be likely to find their way back agin to the first owners—pretty much as it was with the dog.

How so, pray? said another person, stepping up with an anxious, hurried air—he had been overhearing the conversation, while pretending to whittle in the opposite corner—

How so, Joseph—I'll tell thee; and I hope it may do thee good, Joseph. Most o' them are bonds are what's called penal bonds; there aint many on em over ten thousand dollars penalty, and some on em have been sold to my partin knowledge for over one hundred thousand dollars—an, by'm by, may be, when settlin' day comes, the obligor may find it a leetle more convenient to forfeit the penalty, and pay *ten thousand dollars*, than to convey land worth a *hundred thousand*.

Ugh!—ah—um!—ugh—interrupted the first speaker, with the flapped hat, Hundred thousand dollars, hey!—hadn't quite finished the story about that are dog—

Another general muster followed this intimation; and the bargaining, which had raged like the noises on change for half an hour, died away—all the voices dropping off one by one; and all the buyers and sellers putting on a look of indifference.

Wal! arter a while, continued he—arter a while, nobody wouldn't have nothin to say to Jerry nor Watch eyther, and so the overseers tried to persuade him to sell right out, and done with it, an so Jerry, he concluded it was best to sell, and so he called the dog, and went away, and was gone a whole week to Boston. And when he got back, there was a meetin' o' the se'—lect men to hear what he had to say for himself. And they asked him if he'd sold the dog. And says he—no! And says they why not? And says he, cause I couldn't get enough for him—dogs is plaguy skase now, I tell you, says Jerry, says he. Did ye get any offer says they? Oh yes—plenty on em—one man offered me a hundred dollars for Watch. *A hundred dollars!* what!—hey—asked neighbor Ichabod Swett—lookin as if he'd jump through the winder—he was cheerman, and a pootty forehanded man, I tell ye—An why didn't ye take it, ye pesky fool you!

Cause I didn't like the pay, says Jerry.

And what was the pay! says uncle Pahlah, says he—lookin as if he'd break his pipe every moment.

Why, says Jerry, says he—*in two puppies at fifty dollars apiece!*

Another dispersion instantly followed! You'd have tho't a shell had fallen through the roof among them—some went one way and some another—a part complaining of old stories, and a part trying to carry on the rest of the negotiations in a whisper; which whisper always grew louder and louder, the nearer they came to a stinch.

Nobody appeared to enjoy this more than the old quaker; and yet, you could only perceive it by the twinkle of his clear gray eye, intently fixed upon the ashes. The bidding and buying went on, however, and just as one capital bargain was about being closed, out broke the stranger in the flapped hat, with—

Robin's alive! an' alive like to be!—ee—ee!

An——ah——e——ugh——with a noise like a psalm tune through a Virginia stage coachman's everlasting tin trumpet.

Curse that fellow! there's no doing any thing here, said a man they called Major—lets speak to the landlord, and have a room to ourselves, or pack him off to bed with a flea in his ear.

The bar-keeper, who overheard this, began to look frightened—he leaned over the bar, and beckoning the Major, whispered that every room was full, and that they had better not meddle with the stranger, if they knew what was good for themselves.

But the Major was not to be intimidated; and so, drawing a chair up alongside o' flapped hat, as they called him, and looking him straight in the face, he asked him what the hell he spoke by making such a noise in the society of gentlemen.

Oh, its only a way I've got, when I'm among *gentlemen*—an' don't feel well.

Here the bar-keeper made a sign to a bystander, who instantly sidled up to the Major, and touched him on the shoulder, without being perceived by flapped-hat.

Wal, frind, I'll tell you what 'tis, added the Major, as he turned to go away—for my part, I'd as liives be in the bottomless pit o'hell, as where anybody's allowed to make such a noise as that, without paying for't.

Why, that's pretty much as a man's brought up, said the other.

[illegible] he, hey—[illegible]

I hold ye as [illegible] for your fingers, [illegible]

Why, don't some folks, asked flapped-hat, [illegible] Jerry, or Watch, or Robin's like as he eyed—make folks think [illegible] the hat, without springin' the trap—hey?

Jess so!

Being curious to see more of this importunable man, I drew a chair and began a conversation with him. As soon, he held himself rather aloof; eying me narrowly, and answering only with grunts, ughs! and monosyllables; but after convincing him I neither wanted to buy nor sell, he began to talk more freely and after a fashion that surprised me; breaking out occasionally however, and as it appeared to me, at the most critical moments, when the dim shape so grew most inappreciable, with

'Robin's alive! and alive like to be!—ee!—ee!

in a voice that you might have heard all over the house; and yet nobody, not even the landlord, a very quiet, shrinking sort of a passenger in his way, seemed willing to notice him.

Young man, said he—my name is Fletcher.

I took the hint, and told him who I was—

They call me flapped-hat. Never mind—I know what I'm about; and may be they'll believe me, afore we've ended the book.

So I should think, said I. But are you not a little too hard upon these gentry? Some of them are honest, I should hope.

Hope, hey—so should I—ee—ugh!—some are honest I know—the more fools they!

And a good many are pious, to my certain knowledge.

I dare say so!—an' a good many more under a cover—hey? If they aint now, they soon will be—or I miss my guess—there goes a miss by the door now, that's been on the anxious seat above a year; pointing to a respectable middle-aged man, who had lost flesh visibly, day by day, since he ventured in the same boat. An' he aint the only one—mark my words, young man. Them that thinks they've got a prize—will find when'to too late, they've got somethin else with it.

What, pray?

Consumption—or *death!*

I started—and looked at him with amazement, and so did many others—and forthwith we all grew more circumspect in our behavior. There was a great and almost instantaneous change with him, not merely of look and bearing, but of language; and from that moment I determined to watch him yet more narrowly.

Yes!—continued he, rising from his chair and walking forth into the middle of the room, and casting aside all awkwardness, and speaking as one having authority, and with so little of his earlier manner, that I certainly should not have known him—Yes friend—*consumption—or death!* Loss of sleep—loss of appetite, anxiety of mind, the want of habitual occupation may lead to fatal results—*They have already!* My blood thrilled at the sound of his voice—I never heard anything half so solemn or impressive—*It will be so agai.!*

All eyes were turned upon him as he uttered this, the language of prophecy—with the air of a man who had a right to prophecy. He had evidently forgotten himself, or had been playing a part before. The company grew stiller and stiller—and withdrew farther and farther, as he proceeded, till at last there was nobody near him, save the individual to whom he appeared chiefly to direct his observations—not any of the party however, stole away without being perceived, so that when he had finished, every body was looking about for his next neighbor, as if he had just missed him.

Young men! You are infatuated! You are *gamblers*—every man of you. I care not whether you are buyers or sellers, of the world's people, or the church—ye are *gamblers!*

But sir, said one of the company—you do not mean to stigmatize all who are engaged in this business, I hope, as gamblers—do you?

To be sure I do! What else are they? That some are honest men—truly conscientious men—honorable, high-minded, excellent men, I do not deny—so much the worse for their example! If they may go head-and-ears into a speculation, risking hundreds for a chance of thousands, what is to hinder the world's people from going still deeper? How dare they open their mouths against lotteries?

Why sir! you would put a stop to all business; all risk, on this principle.

No sir—no such thing. I would only put a stop to gambling on a large scale. What do these men know of the lands they purchase?

What do they know of them! Why sir, some of the first purchasers have explored them personally, and by their agents—traversed them in every possible direction.

And what then, sir?

Why sir—it is beyond a doubt, as you may see by the Portland Courier, that however much people may be deceived in the value of other lands, timber lands have not reached anything like their value.

I deny it sir! Timber lands are already above their value. Or if not, who is there able to prove they are not?

Why sir, I can tell you of numberless cases where individuals have cleared the original purchase money by their *stumpage*, before the first payment was due, and got their lands clear, with millions of timber—into the bargain.

Granted.

And you know that lumber has not been so high for years; that it never was so high in fact, as last winter, even in the lumber districts; that it still keeps up.

Granted.

The young man stopped, drew a long breath, and looked about him for encouragement and applause; but though many were ready to clap him on the back when he first ventured to take up the cudgels, nobody interfered now—all were looking another way.

Have you done, sir?

Yes.

Now sir. I care nothing about the facts you mention.—They do not affect the principle I have in view. The high price of lumber, now and last winter, depended chiefly upon accident, though partly upon a sort of combination for monopoly. The water was too low last year; but there is now on the way down to the mills, a three years' stock of logs that have been accumulating in the woods winter after winter, and there are, I know not how many new mills at work in every part of the lumber districts. You will see lumber lower this very summer Down East, than you ever knew it in your life. It must be sold. It is in the hands of too many persons—they are all speculators who want money, and must have it. *They cannot trust one another, and they know it.* And unless three or four combine, and buy it all up—all the logs—all the boards—and all the mills in partnership, it must come down. And it will come down. Why—do you know sir, that your market may be furnished with Georgia pine—a much better article than our white-pine for a multitude of purposes—for about the price of ordinary lumber now? But the mischief lies deeper. Your most experienced men are utterly ignorant of the great governing principles that regulate the price of timber and, as of every thing else, cotton, or tobacco, or molasses, or cod-fish:

And what are they, sir?

That price, and therefore value, depends upon the proportion between demand and supply; in other words to what is needed for average consumption.

Well sir—we know that the demand is for timber; and we know that it cannot be *supplied*.

Just now—granted. But where is the man even among those who are best acquainted with the subject, who can tell us what is the annual worth of our timber lands—what is the average consumption for the last fifteen years—what quantity is nearest and most accessible to market, *for that will regulate the price of the rest for a long while*—what it can be afforded for upon the average—how many holders there are, who have no confidence in one another—who can afford to pay any price for money, to make almost any sacrifice for it—and how many, who depend upon selling to meet their own engagements: for after all, they are the persons who will regulate the price.

How so—is there not an intrinsic value in their lands.

No sir. There is no intrinsic value in any thing not wanted—especially for him who cannot afford to keep it for years, or age. Value depends altogether upon public opinion—whether right or wrong—altogether! strange as it may seem, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND. These are the things to make a fellow proud of his country. There lies now in his three forty-two blind creatures, on the high-way to fortune and happiness—within the walls of that Institution, which a New-England merchant, with a feeling worthy of the merchant who made such a figure at Florence in other days, gave up his own almost princely habitation not long ago; and other New-England merchants doubtless will follow in time, which of the merchant princes of our mother country. We say *New-England* merchants, though all these worthies belong to Boston—because we cannot afford as New-Englanders to give up our share of glory in these magnificent doings. God prosper the institution! say we. There is not a better managed one, we dare say, upon the face of the earth. N.

SCHOOL SONG BOOK. By Mrs Sarah J. Hale. A little book worthy of our warmest approbation. We recommend it heartily to parents—mothers especially—to the instructors of Sabbath schools, and to everybody in fact, who would like to have his children well and profitably employed at times. It costs we are told but twenty-five cents—and we know of no more acceptable present for a child between the ages of four and twelve. N.

LADIES' COMPANION. New York. The first year is ended with this publication, and it appears to thrive handsomely. It has placed itself beyond the reach of accident now. N.

BROUGHT UP ALL STANDING. "Captain Marryatt's gross trash sells immensely about Wapping and Portsmouth, and brings him five or six hundred the book—but that can scarcely be called literature." The plain English of which is, that Captain Marryatt does not belong to the Lady Blessington clique. Willis has clapped a stopper on him now, any-how. The impudent pretender! to attempt to portray sea scenes as they are, without once hanging his feet over the taffrail, or driving a single tandem team of whales. And to do it so successfully too, that the amphibious reptiles about Wapping and Plymouth actually read and admire his sketches, when there is not from the title page of his first work to the last leaf of his last, a spice of pedantry, or a sprinkle of affectation. A pretty puppy to be sure! And what a pass things have come to, even in this country, when the reading public prefer being amused with sketches of brusque every day life, to seeing the changes rung upon the Heathen Deities from Jupiter downwards, or reading of well and ill dressed men, or of the woful woful woes of some Miss Henrietta Marietta Titteretta Tingtong Terrytong Annette Helen Julia Adelaide Maria Crawford Hill Thompson!—It was Washington Irving who saw in a vision the dusty tomes in an old library find tongues, and heard them discourse. "Pray sir," said a brass clasped volume, the last and only copy of a still born edition, cotemporary with the Bard of Avon, "Do you hear anything of a low fellow called Shakespeare, now? We told him his works would die with him. Low trash!" We have not quoted verbatim, but it answers our purpose.

CUMBERLAND HOUSE—PORTLAND. Our friends of the South may now come to Portland with safety; sure of meeting with at least one *genteel and comfortable* house, good fare, and all that reasonable travellers could expect in a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants. Portland is waking up. We are building blocks, now instead of houses, and creditable hotels instead of dirty mouse-traps and execrable taverns. The *Cumberland House, Mr Stockwell, of Worcester, Massachusetts*, we shall recommend therefore with all possible earnestness till a better is established, and when the NEW CITY is built, which is now under contract here, we promise you, ye who have been abusing Portland for her sluggishness and want of public spirit—want of *comman-sense*, you ought to have called it—you will soon see something Down-East worth coming this way for.—And this, we beg you to understand is but the *beginning*. N.

PORT OF MARIETTA. We notice for one week in March the arrival and departure of *twenty-three* steamboats, chronicled in the Marietta Gazette. Verily the minority of the Yankee nation who sit down here at home beside their own pumpkin vines, know not a tithe of the wonders going on in the way of 'improvements' in the other states of the union. When one reads an English novel account of the 'grand tour' of a young Briton, he thinks the traveller has accomplished a journey second only to the voyages of Captain Cook, pants to follow his footsteps—and would, if he could keep the mill in motion in his sleeve. But there is no need to cross the Atlantic to out-travel Godolphin, Childe Harold or Don Juan.—Make the grand tour within the territorial lines of our own country—you shall find the balmy air of Italy at St Augustine—Alps on the Alleghanies—a scene unrivalled in the world at Niagara—and if you wish for a taste of the Russ, try the North Western Indians. Boat it down the Mississippi, land on the levee at New Orleans, find yourself among people of habits and customs so dissimular to those of New England that you are ready to swear that you are on another continent—but the striped bunting floats there too. W.

N. B. Take a pattern card of calicoes or buttons in your pocket if you like. That cannot be done to advantage among the Lazzaroni of Italy, or the serfs of Austria.

ERRORS IN THE GALAXY. The proofs don't always reach us. For 'Come *little* child, and tell,' &c. please read, 'Come *hither* child,' &c. And for 'Thy *all* new dressed, &c. read 'Thy *doll* new dressed,' &c. Poor dear Byron—it were enough to make him turn in his grave, to find such things believed of him.

Our friend W. says—a common error by the way, among the best writers of English everywhere—'If we have received from our fathers the blessings *of all others* dear to free men,'—what is *that* thing, which of all *other* things, is best?—we should say *of all things*, which would *include* this thing. By the first phraseology, we *exclude* what we wish to include. There's for you!

For 'with we simpletons,' please read, 'with us simpletons. People may begin to have doubts concerning the best-established principles of English Grammar, if they find the New-England Galaxy departing therefrom! Instead of 'So with the *solvents*,'—do be so kind as to say—'So with the *stomach*!' N.

WHAT IS WRONG? We hear many complaints from our Southern, Western, and particularly from our New York city subscribers, that they do not receive their papers regularly. We know not how this happens—the papers are mailed by a very careful man, and in some cases where miscarriages have happened, he can distinctly recollect having directed and sent the papers to the Post office. Our devil is not a mail contractor and has never found it necessary to petition for an extra allowance—the mistake is not likely, therefore, to be with him. The affairs of the Boston Post office are exceedingly well conducted—and it is not probable that so many repeated mistakes occur there—but that they do occur between this city and the places of residence of our subscribers, is certain.

STRAWS.

The Cincinnati Mirror more than insinuates that the Junior Editor of the Galaxy has held the 'ferule sceptre.'—Beg your pardon gents, but he never happened to be clothed in the 'little brief authority' of a pedagogue,—and from the nearest approach to it he ever made, the monitorial chair, he was degraded for misprison of felony, against the dignity of Dilworth.

TEXT. 'I write when I have nothing to do.—*Pope*.—COMMENTARY. 'Lord Oxford's domestic related, that in the dreadful winter of 1740, she was called from her bed by him four times in one night, to supply him with paper lest he should lose a thought.' *Johnson's Life of Pope*. Add that and that together, and the result is that a poet has nothing to do in bed but to write.

THE SILK CULTURIST. The Executive Committee of the Hartford County (Conn) Silk Society, have commenced the publication of a monthly quarto under the above title. Terms, 50 cents per annum in advance. Letters and communications post paid, may be addressed to F. G. Comstock, Secretary of the Society, Hartford. The culture of the Mulberry, and the manufacture of silk is becoming more of a business in this country, than many people imagine. Raw Silk to the amount of over $60,000 has been produced in Mansfield, Conn. this year, and the annual produce of the County of Windham, Conn. is said to be about $80,000. Many towns in the western part of this

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MISCELLANY.

From the Albany Daily Advertiser.

LINES,

On a Minister (not an American) who preached in Philadelphia, on the 5th of February, 1838, a sermon unchariably commentatory of the Stage.

Unworthy! whose office teaches many!
Why damnest thou the Actor's craft? Is he
To starve because thou think'st thyself elected
To preach the truth and body Saviour's Power?
No, let him cant a future calling. Have's
Appointed him to his, as thee to thine!
He hath his ordinance. The tongue wherewith
Thou didst revile him; had long forbearance
Except for him! He fixed the standard of it
That gave it uniformity and power,
And explored and gram; and more than that,
To thoughts that glow and shine with Heav'ns own fire,
He gave revenement unto millions
That else had liv'd in darkness to Heav'ns gift!
Would by his art then more lands profited,
Thou simple, comfortable piece of flesh!
Thy heart is no mystic. Sent so soft
As thy plump cheek, I warrant never yet,
But self-denial on. "Thou dost not fly
The banquet." Never mind! Thou dost not lack
The feast for that. The blinding fire to which
The Churchmen's vanity and lust of power
Sit cooning earthly down. Why didst thou preach?
Hadst thou forgot the commands charged?
If not, why didst thou play him to the life?
I'll do thee justice, ay, in commendation,
Well as disparagement, for I am naught
Not, "if not critical," but honest! Thou
Didst read earthenight the service, like the tongue
That gave God's revelation unto man.
Simply, adoringly, confiding in,
Strength greater than thine own. I knelt in soul,
Amen, I said to one who sat beside me,
"We'll hear a preacher now." What didst thou preach?
Thyself!! The little atom that God did make,
And not the maker! How I pitied thee!
From first to last, DISPLAY! on cho' the place,
The scene, the calling, the assembly, all
Were secondary to a heap of clay.
Thy elocution too—THEATRICAL!!!
But foreign to the Actor's *proper* art.
Thy gesture *measured* to the word, not *fitted*,
The modulation, running mountains high.
Then falling low again as earth from heaven!
Sufficient of the rest! Improvedfore
Thou mount'st the steps of charity again,
And know her handmaids are humility,
Forbearance, and philanthropy to all!
And further, know the Stage a preacher too,
Albeit a less authenticated one,
Whose moral, if occasionally wrong,
Is honest in the main! Another word.
Act not the dammer of another's creed,
The Scripture saith "Judge not lest ye be judged."
A text in point for thee! My creed is yours,
But, by that creed, I never will condemn,
(Myself a creature weak and fallible)
A man, for faith, some shade diverse from mine.

J. S. KNOWLES.

The following articles are from the London Court Journal (February 14th—28th:)

"Even *national* manners are swayed by trivial influences. The publication of Mrs. Trollope's book has been fatal, for instance, to the Americans. Embarrassed to find themselves held up as objects of ridicule to the eyes of Europe, they no longer dare to sit or stand, walk or talk, like other people. The fear of the caricature is ever before them; and they are now so studiously polite, so laboriously genteel, so fastidiously aristocratic, so ultra-Europeanly Europe, that Lieutenant Holman might pick out an American by instinct in any mixed circle of London, Paris, or Naples. We are half inclined to implore these pseudo-Chesterfieldians to study the unpretending simplicity of the manners of the English 'Court.'"

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A war between France and America? A challenge between Congress and *La Chambre*? What,—what, if the prospect of such an event had been realized, would have become of all the wealthy Yankees who have set up their crest and their molten calf in Paris? The Americans are not London-haunters. They find their national skwardness of diction and address more readily detected among ourselves? even without the hand book of Mrs. Trollope, the English have a ready clue to the detection of their want of moral refinement. It is not so on the Continent. In Paris they cover the potter's clay with tissue, and bystanders readily fall into the erroneous impression that the vase is of the finest porcelain. In Paris the Yankees have only to furnish themselves from the most fashionable upholsterers, tailors, mantua-makers, and jewelers, to pass for *des gens comme il faut*. A rich American, of no remarkable gentility, gave a fine *fete* the other day, at his magnificent hotel. "*Who is* this Colonel F———?" was the universal question; to which responded a reply as universal, of "Ma foi, je n'en sais rien!—Mais ce service de vermeil qu'on a trouve si bien a l' Exposition"—"Eh bien?"—"C'etoit pour lui!"—"Ca suffit! j'irai a son bal." And thus a service of gilt plate stands in some places for a certificate of respectability!

"Wonderful, too, is the taste betrayed by the Republicans of the United States for Courts and Courtship! Mr. Rush's rhapsodies at the sight of the five hundred hoops of Buckingham House, were nothing. In England a certain feeling of jealous inferiority, of want of caste, keep them sullenly aloof from St. James's; but in foreign Courts they expect to pass for English, and (Columbus and Cabot be about us!) what legions of them infest the Receptions of the Tuilleries, and the Court galas of Naples! That quaint traveller, Jefferson Hogg, speaking of the propensity of our countrymen to ascend mountains and climbing church steeples, says that "Englishmen are so proud, that they are always knocking their heads against the sky." What quality must we contrawise ascribe to the Yankees, when we say that they are always knocking their brows against the footsteps of a throne? Be in company with an American woman of high degree in what quarter of the world you will, and in five minutes she will have boasted to you that one of her countrywomen is lady in waiting to the Queen of England. Look at them in foreign watering places, where acquaintanceship with the great is so easily achieved, and you may learn the exact gradations of the Court Calendar of the place from their often cited lists of visitors. Their *dearest* friend is sure to be a Serene Highness, their *dear*, a Prince or Princess; Dukes, Marquesses, Counts, Viscounts, Barons, follow in starry profusion. No London footman, no Irish master of the ceremonies ever bandied "my lady" or "your lordship" like a dashing New Yorkian or Bostonian. Mrs. Trollope in her portraiture missed the most vulgar feature of American vulgarity. Again we say, what will become of them in case of war?"

The following are from the London Age of the 15th February:

We take this opportunity of commenting upon a Diary from the pen of the quondam Miss Fanny Kemble, now Mrs. Butler, in which, after commenting in sundry terms of revolting vulgarity, on the manners of a people from whom she has received a vast sum of money, and amongst whom she has at length become denizened, she fulminates in the same elegant strain against the "Press," by whose assistance alone she made the reputation she enjoyed, and which enabled her family to possess a competence in life. When we remember the state to which the management of Mrs. Butler's father reduced Covent-garden Theatre—that its goods and chattels were seized for taxes, and its re-opening rendered hopeless but for the munificent application of her family to the profession and the public, circulated and brought entirely by the Press; and when we remember how the slight histrionic talent Mrs Butler possesses, was, solely by the Press, magnified into importance and attraction out of a purely charitable feeling, we confess we cannot find words sufficiently strong to mark our feelings of execration at the ungrateful and impudent manner in which Mrs. Butler has stated in her precious Diary, what opinion she entertains of the said Press. "Next to a bag," Mrs. Butler professes to abhor a newspaper writer; that is, she professes now to abhor them; but when she was about to make her debut before the public, and her family were literally begging for a subsistence—then these "bags" were the most delightful things in existence, and were swarming in every room the house she lived in held. We perceive that a sister of Mrs. Butler is about to be launched forth into public life as a singer, and it will be well to see exactly what support she is to have from these "bags" at her starting, and it will be also as well for these "bags" to calculate in their minds the exact return they are likely to meet, and to act accordingly. We hear, moreover, that Mrs. Butler has presented her husband with an heir-apparent; and if that be the case, and *Grandpapa* is likely to appear in the "youthful line of business," (as he has so many years been accustomed to do) we sincerely hope his friends the "bags," will stick to him in the characteristic affection of their race.

Ireland, the mother, was the most extraordinary natural jumper I ever saw, though I have often seen money who enrolled him when sided by the spring-board and other artificial countenances. I have walked with Ireland, and he has stubbornly left my arm, and, with the same impetus of contempt of grace, jumped over a turnpike gate. His leaping over the bar opposite the Surrey Theatre, when going home half tipsy, first attracted attention towards him. In those days of great animal jutting, he had abundant in footing; the animal spirits were great, and he was safe and fleet of display. One trick of his was, if he saw a horse held working for his owner, he would leap on his back and fleed